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COLLECTIVE EXERCISE

TR10.1, TR10.2 TR10.3 and TR10.4

Objective

- Provide trainees with a practical knowledge on how to identifying and distinguishing between the main species of marine turtles, seabirds and cetaceans using standard identification guides.

Instructions

- Trainees are to pair up. Pairs should consist, if possible, of one experienced observer and a non-experienced one.
- One trainee should open this exercise in its computer, while the other should open the species identification guides:
    - IOTC Marine Turtle Identification Cards
    - IOTC Seabirds Identification Cards
    - IOTC Cetaceans Identification Cards

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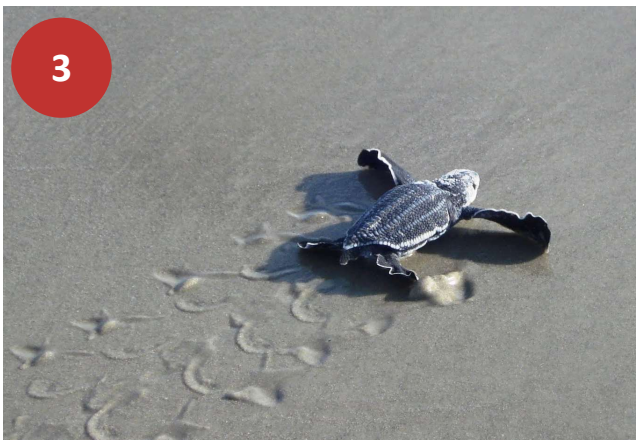
Exercise TR10.1 Marine Turtle Anatomical Features and Species ID

QUESTION 1

List at least three (3) key diagnostic features used in the identification of marine turtles.

QUESTION 2

Identify the gender of the turtles (F,M, J) in the photos presented below.



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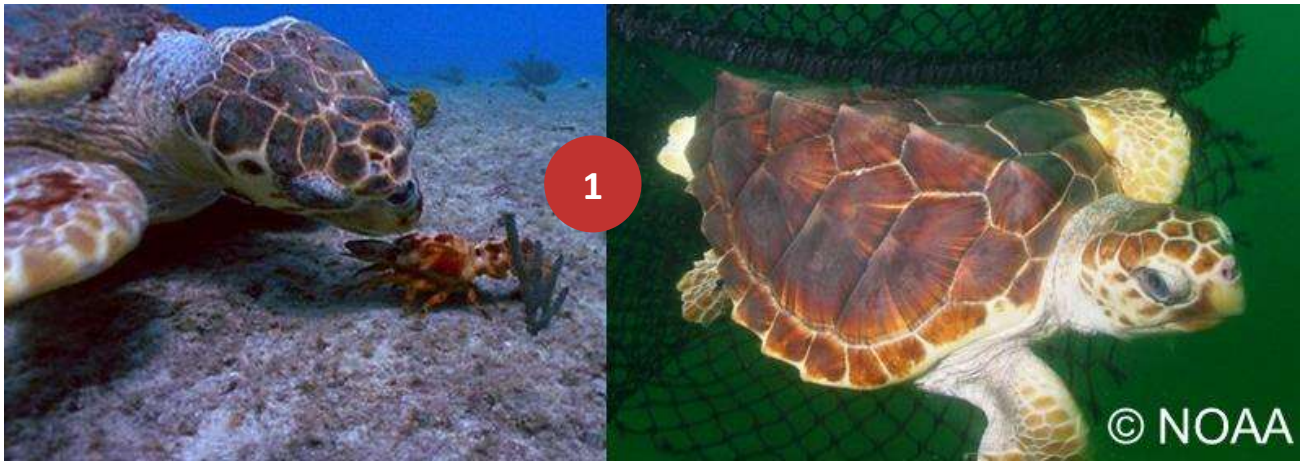
QUESTION 3

Use IOTC Marine Turtle Species Identification Cards to identify the following species of marine Turtles. Justify your answers by stating visible key diagnostic features.



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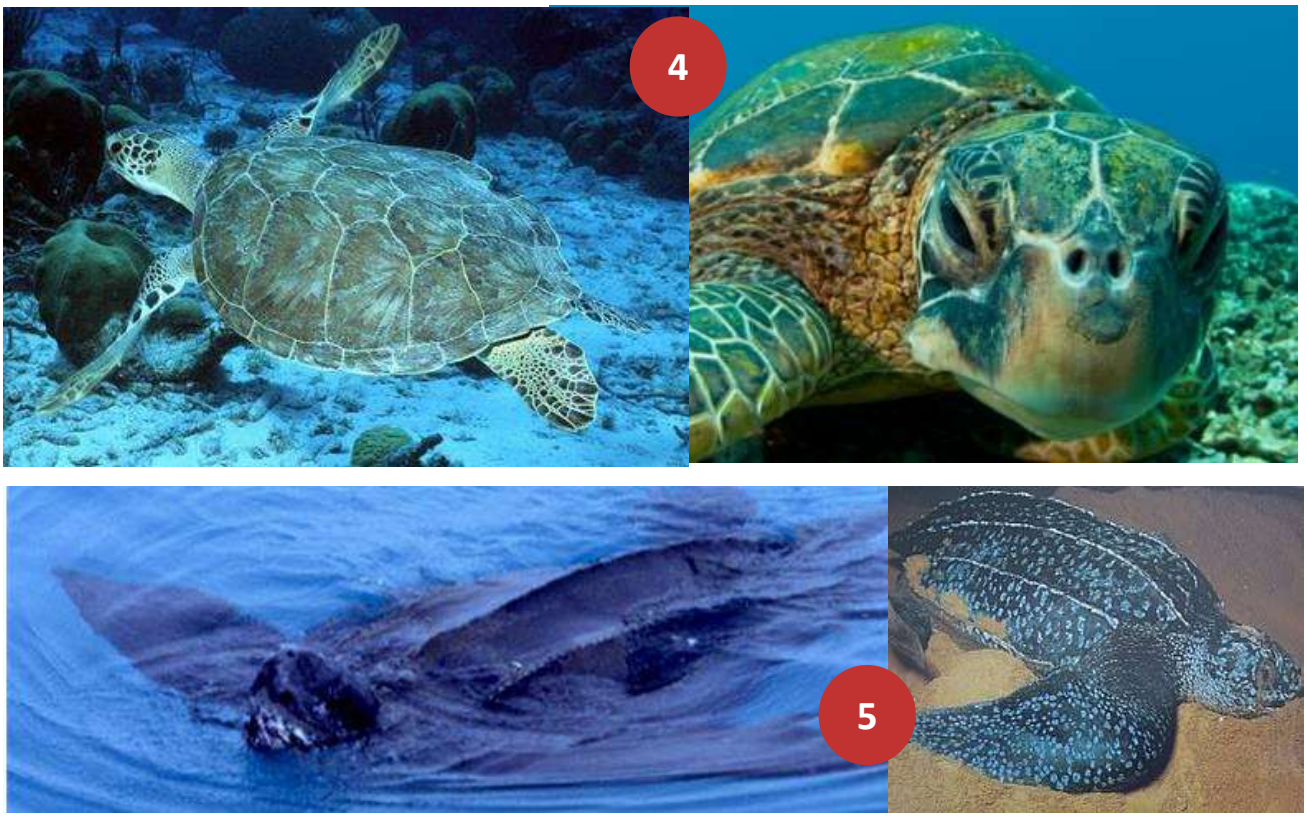
QUESTION 3 (continued)



Exercise TR10.2 Seabirds Anatomical Features and Species ID

QUESTION 1

List at least three (3) key diagnostic features used in the identification of seabirds.

QUESTION 2

Use IOTC Seabird Species Identification Cards to identify the following species of seabirds. Justify your answers by stating visible key diagnostic features.

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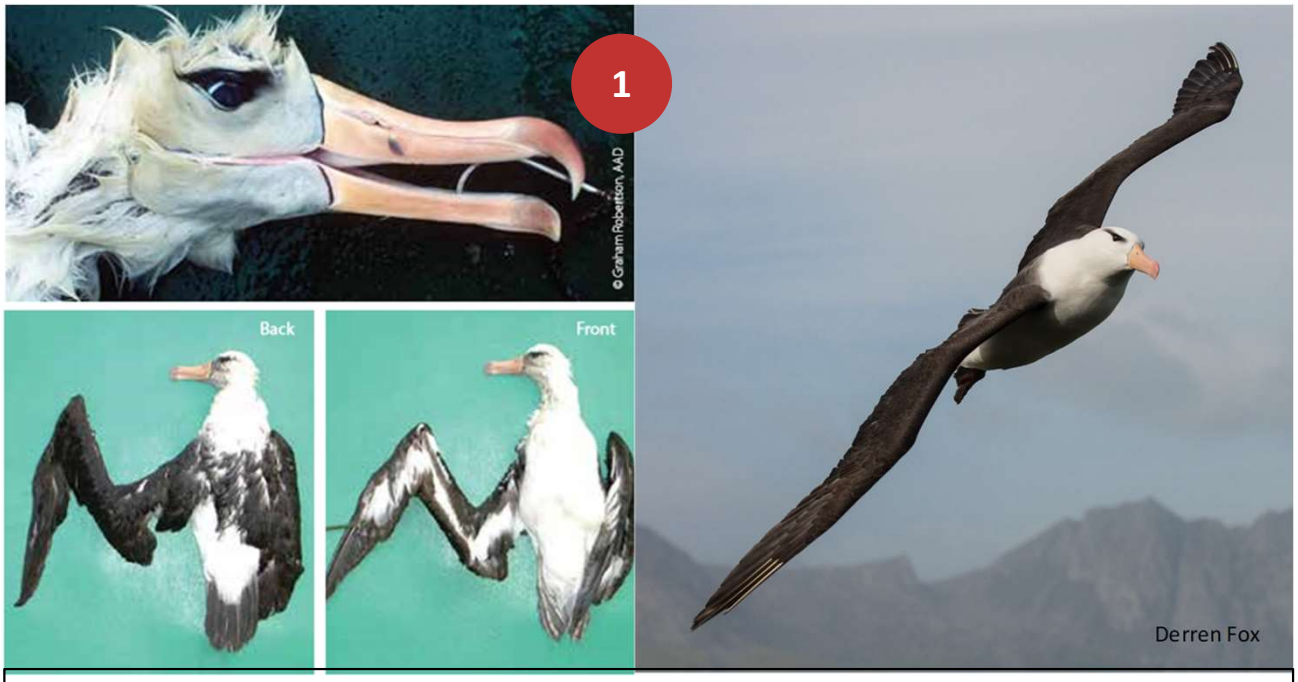
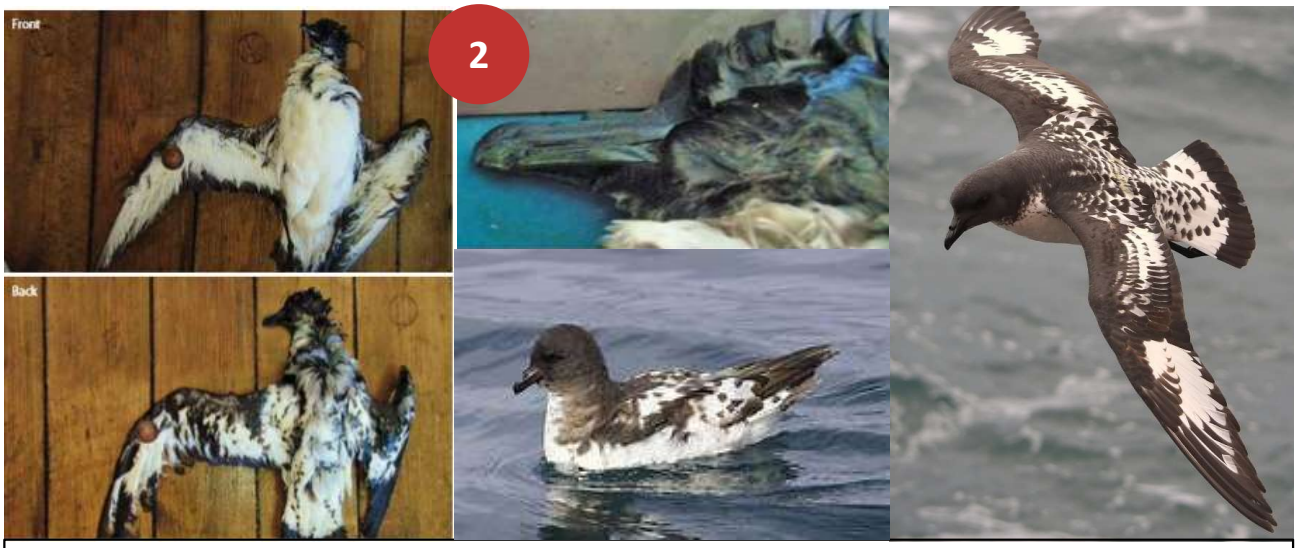


- Bright orange bill, reddish tip
- White head and body, dark mantle and upper wings, dark eye patch
- Body length: 80-95 cm
- Wingspan: 2.1 - 2.5 m



- Body length: 35-40 cm
- Wingspan: 0.9 m
- Mottled black-and-white patterns on wings and back

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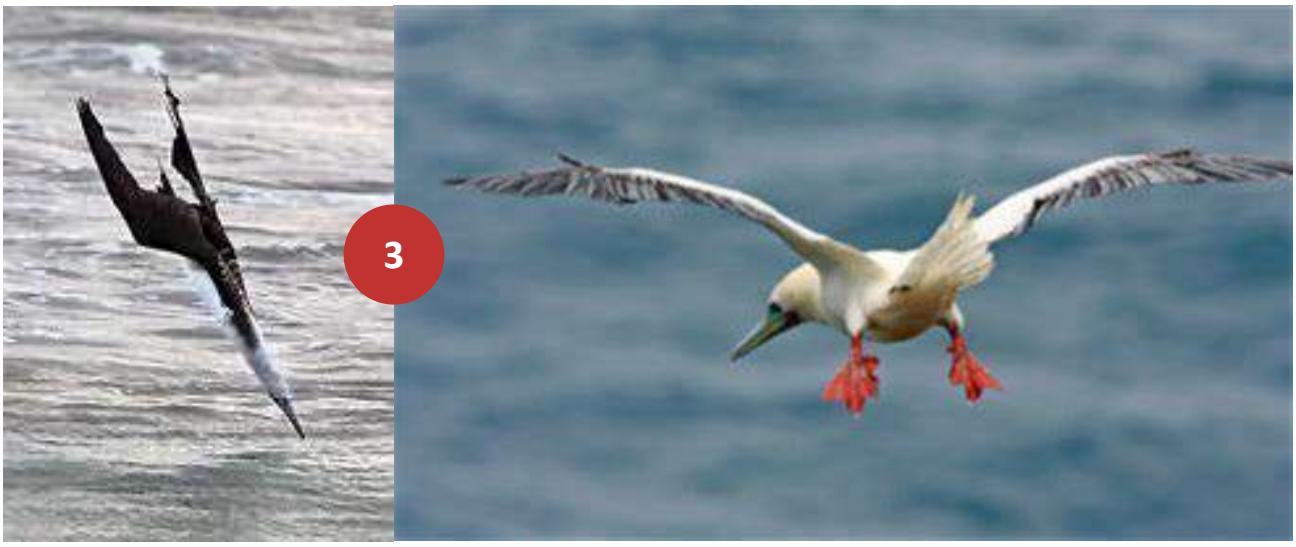

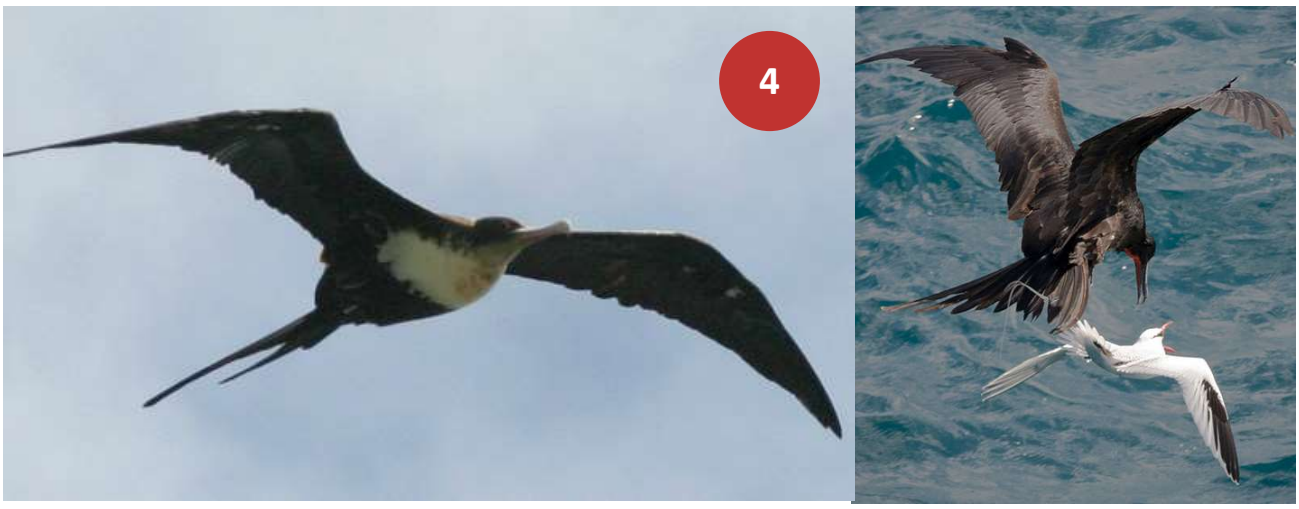

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Exercise TR10.3 Cetaceans Anatomical Features and Species ID

QUESTION 1

List at least three (3) key diagnostic features used in the identification of cetaceans.

QUESTION 2

Use IOTC Cetacean Species Identification Cards to identify the following species of cetaceans. Justify your answers by stating visible key diagnostic features.

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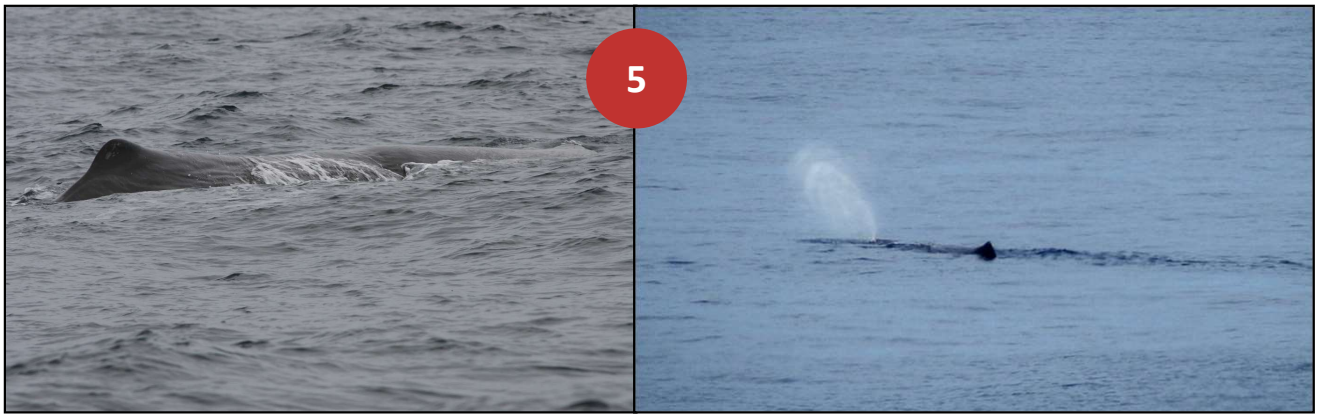

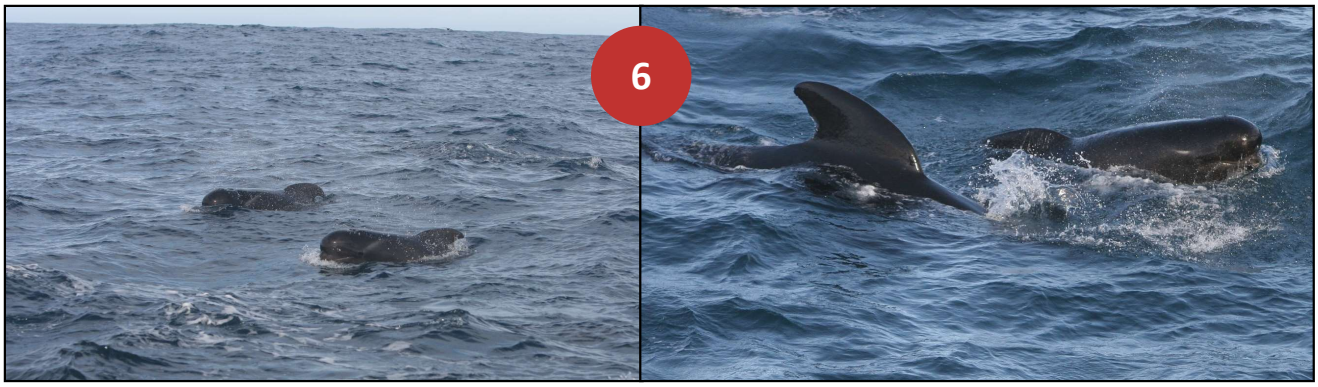

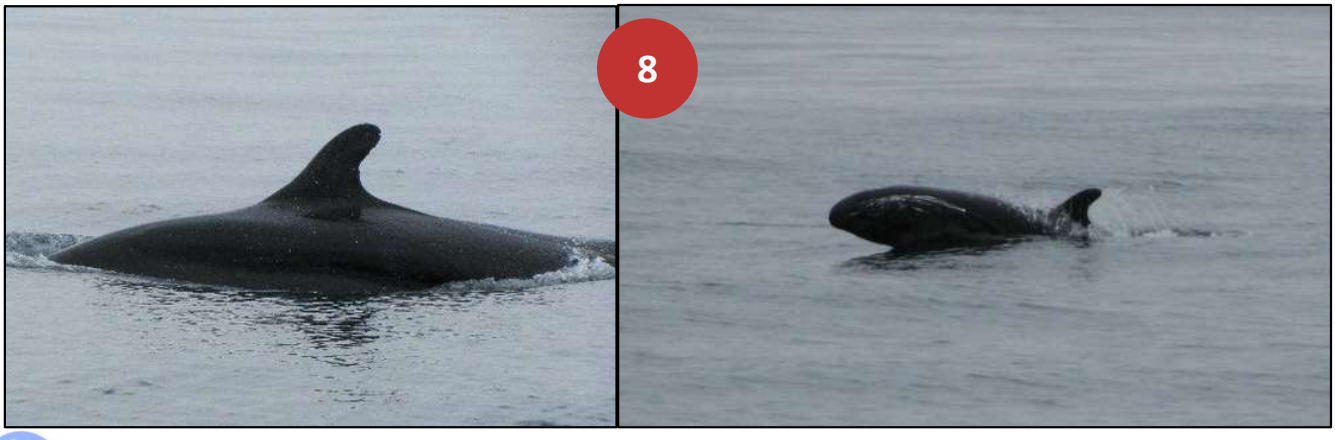

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